THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the current year, the Enforcement Directorate has booked some cases of illegal sale and purchase of foreign exchange in and around Delhi airport. The available information does not, however, indicate any large scale illegal dealings in foreign exchange at the airport or in village Nangal Dairy as reported in the newspaper. However, vigilance at the airport has been tightened. Surprise checks are carried out from time to time and the persons apprehended are appropriately dealt with in accordance with the law.

Pigmy Deposit Collectors in Banks

2235. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to regularise the service conditions of daily Pigmy Deposit Collectors engaged by various banks in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) As pigmy deposit collectors are only agents for the purpose of collecting pigmy deposits, they only get their commission as per the contract between them and the bank concerned. Service conditions are only for the bank employees and as pigmy deposit collectors are not bank employees, there is no question of regularising their service conditions.

2236. [*Transferred to the 20th December*, 1986.]

Increase in house building advance for employees of Nationalised Banks

2237. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of the nationalised banks Associations have approached the authorities to increase the house building advance in view of the increase in prices of building material as has been done in the case of Central Government employees; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

News-item captioned 'Rs. 73 Crore Evasion by Fabric Processors"

2238. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Economic Times' of the 5th October, 1985 captioned "Rs. 73 crore evasion by fabric processors";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how these manufacturers could hoodwink the Central Excise Officers over the years; and

(d) whether any Government officials were also involved in the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On investigation conducted by Central Excise Officers of Pune Collectorate, it has appeared that some of the cotton fabric processors of Ichalkaranji, Jaisingpur and Sangli areas of Maharashtra, have been wrongly availing of the Central Excise duty exemption under the existing Notifications, to which they are not actually entitled. Accordingly, notices have been issued to such processors calling upon them to show cause as to why the amount totalling